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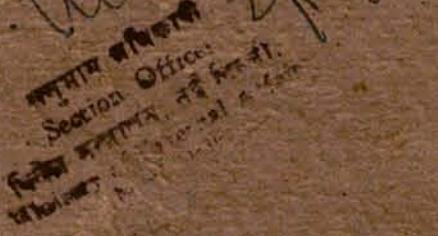
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MOST IMMEDIATE
PARLIAMENT QUESTION
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

NO.J.II/125/30/88
Ministry of External Affairs
(IPA Division)

New Delhi, the 28th August, 1990.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: -Unstarred Question Dy. No.3773 for 6.9.90
regarding negotiations with Afghanistan to purchase
the House in Kabul lived by Netaji.

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Please refer to Lok Sabha Secretariat (Question
Branch) UO No. USQ.3773/6-9/90-Q dated 22nd August, 1990
regarding the subject mentioned above.

2. Information available with this Ministry on the
subject matter of the question is as follows:

3. Our Embassy in Kabul has held discussions with the
Afghan authorities on the proposal of setting up a suitable
Memorial at the House in Kabul where Netaji had stayed
for sometime in 1941. The reaction of the Afghan government
has been positive. The House is located in the old part
of Kabul city in an area which is earmarked for demolition
by the Afghan authorities. Our Embassy in Kabul has
requested the Mayor of Kabul to indicate if the House can
be saved from demolition.

4. The Afghan government's final decision on this matter
is still awaited.

5. This Ministry has no objection to the information
contained in this letter being conveyed to the Honourable
Member.

Sd/-
(M.K. Bhadra Kumar)
Director(Iran & Afgh)

Lok Sabha Secretariat,
(Question Branch),
(Attention : Senior Examiner of Questions),
Parliament House Annex,
New Delhi.

Copy to JS(Coord), MEA.

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(M.K. Bhadra Kumar)
Director(Iran & Afgh)
28.8.1990.

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FROM : FOREIGN NEW DELHI
TO : INDEMBASSY KABUL
CDA FROM DIRECTOR(IA)

LOK SABHA SECRETARIAT HAS ASKED US FOR INFORMATION ON THE FOLLOWING PARLIAMENT QUESTION. AVAILABLE INFORMATION IN THE MISSION MAY KINDLY BE SENT BY RETURN TELEX:

- (a) WHETHER HIS MINISTRY ARE NEGOTIATING WITH THE AFGHAN GOVERNMENT THROUGH THE INDIAN AMBASSADOR ^{COUINTR} IN THAT TO PURCHASE THE HOUSE IN KABUL WHERE NETAJI SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE HAD LIVED FOR SOME TIME DURING HIS JOURNEY INCOGNITO TO GERMANY DURING THE WORLD WAR II,
- (b) IF SO, THE OUTCOME OF THE NEGOTIATIONS AND THE STAGE AT WHICH THE MATTER STANDS AT PRESENT;
- (c) WHETHER ANY PLAN HAS BEEN OR IS BEING PREPARED IN INDIA FOR SETTING UP A MEMORIAL OR MUSEUM OR LIBRARY AT THIS SITE, OR ALTERNATELY TO ERECT A MEMORIAL PLAQUE ON THEREAT; IF NOT, WHETHER APPROPRIATE ACTION WILL BE INITIATED IN CONSULTATION WITH THE MINISTRIES CONCERNED; AND
- (d) WHETHER GOVERNMENT WILL MAKE ALL-OUT EFFORTS TO SEE THAT THE NEEDFUL IS DONE BEFORE NETAJI'S NEXT BIRTHDAY FALLS DUE IN JANUARY, 1991?

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Please issue.

MM
(M.K. Bhadra Kumar)
Director(Iran & Afgh)
25.8.1990

US(IA)

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FROM :: I/E KABUL
TO :: FND

DIRECTOR(IA) FROM CD'A()
RPTD AMBASSADOR ANSARI C/O JS(IPA)

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PARLIAMENT-QUESTION

From Indembassy Kabul

To Foreign New Delhi

Director(Iran & Afg) from Cd'A

Rptd Amb. Ansari C/o JS(IPA)

Refyrtlx of August 25 regarding information on Parliament Question relating to purchase of house in Kabul where Netaji Subhash Chander Bose had lived for sometime during his journey to Germany in 1941.

2. In this context, kindly refer to our following letters addressed to US(Afg):

a) No.KAB/501/1/86 Dt. April 12, 1990 from Ambassador.

b) No.KAB/501/1/86 Dt. May 7, 1990 from Ambassador.

c) No.KAB/501/1/86 Dt. June 10, 1990 from Counsellor(P).

3. It is also important to refer to our PM's letter of July 9, 1990 addressed to Shri Chitta Basu, General Secretary, All India Forward Bloc, under U.O. of July 12, 1990 from Smt. Meera Shankar, Director(PMO).

4. The basic fact is that the house in question is located in the old part of the Kabul city in an area earmarked for demolition. There are, therefore, difficulties and improbables standing on the way for restoration and renovation or even erecting

a memorial plaque on the site at the moment. We are still awaiting local Government's final decision on restoration of the area.

5. On the part of the Ministry, a decision needs to be taken on whether renovation and restoration of the existing kucha house may be done or erection of a plaque may be made.

6. In regard to para (d) of the Question, we are unable to commit in view of the abovementioned difficulties and improbables.

7. For your ready reference, we are sending through Dip. Courier leaving Kabul on Monday, August 27, copy each of the abovementioned letters.

NTT:

August 26, 1990

(B. B. Tarei)
Charge d'Affaires

Communication-Sec:

No. KAB/501/1/86

MOST IMMEDIATE/THROUGH COURIER

✓ Copy, in confirmation, together with copies of letters mentioned in para 2 above, to Shri MK Bhadra Kumar, Director(Iran & Afg), Miny. of External Affairs, New Delhi.

(B. B. Tarei)
Charge d'Affaires

SECRET

EMBASSY OF INDIA
KABUL



AMBASSADOR

No.KAB/501/1/86

April 12, 1990

Vijay,

Please refer to your letter No.J/II/551/13/86 of March 27 to Shri Tarei regarding the house in Kabul where Netaji Subhash Chander Bose had stayed in 1941.

2. We have located the house. It is in the old part of the city of Kabul in an area earmarked for demolition. The house belongs to Mr. Kishan Chand Lund, an Afghan of Indian origin. He is himself reported to be in India at the moment. The house is in a dilapidated condition and its surroundings are not congenial.

3. In a meeting with the Mayor of Kabul on March 7, I brought up the question of this house, drew his attention to its importance to us and explored the possibility of a suitable memorial to Netaji being set up there. The Mayor promised to have the matter looked into. I have also addressed a formal communication to him on the subject.

4. Apart from the above, I have broached the subject informally with a senior aide to President Najibullah. He reacted positively, said all official assistance would be available but the expenses would need to be incurred by the Government of India.

5. The Mayor of Kabul, after discussions with city officials, would indicate if the house can be saved from demolition. If this in fact can be done, then we would need to assess the structural viability of the premises and make an estimate of the expenditure likely to be involved in restoring it. Thereafter, it could perhaps be converted into a memorial museum or library. If, however, the house cannot be saved either on account of its condition or due to the city authorities' insistence on demolishing it, then the best course may be to erect a memorial plaque on the site.

6. I will keep you informed of further developments.

With best regards

Yours sincerely,

M. H. Ansari

(M. H. Ansari)

Smt. Vijay Thakur Singh
Under Secretary(Afg)
Miny. of External Affairs
New Delhi



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AMBASSADOR OF INDIA
KABUL

No.KAB/501/1/86

May 7, 1990

Please refer to my letter of even number dated April 12, 1990 regarding the suggestion that the house in which Netaji Subhash Chander Bose stayed in Kabul in 1941 be converted into a memorial.

2. I have now received a response from the Mayor of Kabul. His officials have carried out the necessary investigations and the position is as follows:-

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- a) The house is a 4-storeyed one on a plot of land measuring approximately 200 sq. mtrs;
- b) It is due for demolition under a Municipality scheme in which two to three storeyed buildings would be constructed in the area; and
- c) The Municipality is agreeable to considering favourably any suggestions we may have regarding the repair/renovation of the present house or its replacement by a suitable memorial.

3. The assumption underlying (c) above is that all expenditure on this account would be borne by us. In view of this, I would be grateful if you could now let us know our decision in the matter. I am, in the meantime, requesting our First Secretary(Projects) to visit the site and give his recommendations.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
(M.H. Ansari)

Smt. Vijay Thakur Singh
Under Secretary(Afg)
Ministry of External Affairs, NEW DELHI.

B.B. Tarei
Counsellor(Political)

No.KAB/501/1/86

June 10, 1990

Please refer to your letter No. J/II/551/13/86 dated 24.5.90 regarding acquisition of the house in Kabul where Netaji Subhash Chander Bose had stayed for 43 days in February-March 1941.

2. As per the instructions of Ambassador, First Secretary(Project), Shri KK Varma, Head of Chancery and self visited the house and area to assess the exact situation. FS(Project), who is of the rank of a Suptdt. Engineer in CPWD, has prepared a report which is enclosed for your perusal. After visiting the site, we had a discussion with our Ambassador explaining to him the difficulties and improbables that are standing on the way for restoration and renovation of the existing dilapidated kucha house or even erecting a memorial plaque on the site.

3. FS(Project) has given a rough estimate of expenditure of Afs. 5 million equivalent to Rs. 1 million at the prevailing current rate of exchange for repairs and renovation of the existing structure without taking into consideration the cost of acquisition of land and building. Since the entire locality is going to be demolished and reconstructed, it would be difficult to even erect a plaque. Therefore, our suggestion is to defer the case for the time being till such time as the local Government takes a final decision on reconstruction of the area.

4. In the light of the above, we would be grateful to receive your approval as to whether we should go in for renovation and restoration of the existing kucha house or to erect a plaque, before we could make a formal request to the local authorities accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

(B.B. Tarei)

Shrimati Vijay Thakur Singh
Under Secretary(Afghanistan)
Ministry of External Affairs, NEW DELHI.

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NEGOTIATION WITH AFGHANISTAN TO PURCHASE
THE HOUSE IN KABUL LIVED BY NETAJI

SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL :

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- (d) if so, the efforts made by Government to ensure that the needful is done before Netaji's next birthday in January, 1991 ?

V/29/8

India to buy Netaji's house in Kabul

From Our Special Representative

NEW DELHI, Thursday. — The Afghan Government has "reacted positively" to a proposal that the Government of India purchase the house in Kabul where Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose had lived for some time during his journey incognito to Germany during World War II, and that a suitable memorial be set up there, Mr V. P. Singh, Prime Minister, has said in a letter to Mr Chitta Basu, general secretary of the All India Forward Bloc.

Mr Singh said that India's Ambassador in Kabul had already had a discussion with the Afghan authorities on the proposal. However, the house is in an old part of Kabul, city in an area earmarked for demolition. The Mayor of Kabul has been requested to indicate if the house can be saved from demolition. If this can be done, "we could consider acquiring or restoring the house and converting it into a memorial or museum or library. If, however, the house cannot be saved then the best course would be to erect a memorial plaque on the site," the Prime Minister said.

Mr Singh said that the Ambassador is in touch with the Afghan authorities on this issue and "we hope to be in a position to take a final decision shortly."

Netaji's House

125/1990

M.K. Bhadra Kumar
Director(Iran & Afgh)

NO.J.II/125/30/88

August 28, 1990.

This has reference to your telex message of August 26, 1990 regarding the Parliament Question on purchase of the House in Kabul where Netaji Subhas Chandra had lived for sometime.

2. This subject is likely to figure in the Parliament. As you know, Netaji's birth day falls due in January 1991.

3. It is important that the Afghan authorities are formally approached once again in this matter and they are reminded about an early decision on the restoration of the area where the House is located. Indeed, the shape in which the Memorial is to be conceived in Kabul will largely depend on the plans of the Afghan government for Kabul city renovation/reconstruction etc.

4. You may also discuss this matter with the Ambassador before making the formal demarche to the Afghans.

5. Meanwhile, we have furnished information to the Parliament on the lines of the contents of PM's letter of July 9, addressed to Shri Chitta Basu.

Yours sincerely,



(M.K. Bhadra Kumar)

Shri B.B. Terei,
Charge d'Affaires,
Embassy of India,
Kabul.

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